

Application No. 10/023,265
Docket No. 2000U057,US
Reply to Office Action Dated August 24, 2004

Remarks

Objections

Claim 16 has been cancelled without prejudice.

The Applicant requests that this objection be withdrawn.

Section 112, ¶ 1 Rejections

Claims 20-22 were rejected under 25 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

The claims have been amended by inserting the phrase --radical that contains the-- before "Group 16 atom" so that there is antecedent basis to Claim 14, referring back to the element "one of R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, or R₉ is a radical that contains a Group 16 atom".

The Applicant requests that these rejections be withdrawn.

Section 102/103 Rejections

Claims 14, 20-22 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by each of *Ittel et al.*, *Brookhart et al.*, and *Lavoie et al.* Further, Claims 18 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over *Ittle et al.*

Claims 15, 17, 23 and 25, on the other hand, were objected to as allowable if re-written as independent claims. Thus, Claim 23 has been cancelled without prejudice and re-written into independent form into Claim 14. Thus, amended Claim 14 includes the limitation of Claim 14 and Claim 23; and new claims 28, 29, and 30 are derived by combining Claim 14 with Claims 15, 17 and 25, respectively.

New Claims 31 and 32 are based on original claims 18 and 19. No new matter is added.

New Claim 33 derives from the specification at, for example, page 14, line 21.

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The Applicant thus requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

It is submitted that the remaining claims as amended are allowable, and that the case is in condition for allowance. The Applicant invites the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney if there are any other issues outstanding which have not been presented to the Examiner's satisfaction.

Respectfully submitted,

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